

GEISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

6:00

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Sernell at 6:00 with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL: President Sernell, Vice President Mock, Bill Newcomer, Alice Hummel, Bill Schrader, Linda Sell and Attorney Carbonara were present. Frank Hauser and Mayor Seitz were absent. There were 6 Visitors present.

AGENDA:

Motion by Bill Newcomer to approve, seconded by Alice Hummel and unanimously passed.

MINUTES: Linda Sell corrected that she made the request asking a breakdown for the deposits not Alice Hummel.

Kim Mock made a motion to approve with the correction, Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by Bill Schrader to approve, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed. Bill Schrader added that the interest has increased since moving the accounts.

OUTSTANDING INVOICE LIST:

Motion by Linda Sell to approve with the duplicate line taken off, Bill Newcomer seconded and unanimously passed.

VISITORS: No Visitors wished to speak

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The brush and leaf pickup was discussed and will begin October 15, 2018.

Kim Mock, Public Safety, stated that Baconfest went well and had a lot of good remarks on it and thanked the volunteer's and employees that helped. Next year Baconfest will be September 13th and 14th.

Bill Newcomer, Business Operations, said there will be a business Committee meeting on October 3rd to work on the budget.

The RFP for the garbage disposal was not advertised in the paper so the responses received are void and need to be rebid.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to advertise the RFP with the bids to be opened by Karen Giebfried and Michael Grandinetti and present a spreadsheet at the October 10th meeting, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

The responses to the RFP for Auditing services for three year contract are BarnesSaly & Co. - \$18,300.00, Young, Oakes, Brown & Co. - \$20,025.00 and Wessel & Co. - \$21,450.00.

Motion by Bill Newcomer to award the RFP to BarnesSaly & Co. for the 3 year contract, 2018, 2019, 2020, for \$18,300.00, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Bill Schrader, Ordinances, stated a meeting was held with Dan Penatzer from Ebensburg concerning storm water, MS4 issues and the cost to residents. Bill Newcomer added Ebensburg expanded their charter of their Municipal Authority.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to authorize Attorney Carbonara to find out what the procedures are to expanding the authority of Highland Sewer & Water, Bill Schrader seconded and motion unanimously passed.

Alice Hummel, Technology, asked if the office has access to webpage and facebook, President Sernell said they do now. Alice Hummel submitted a donation request form Highland Regional Park to purchase a snowflake light for \$420.00.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to purchase one snowflake light for \$420.00 with the money coming out of last year's Baconfest account, Linda Sell seconded and unanimously passed.

Linda Sell, Personnel, said the time clocks from Lathem were discussed with them by teleconference and waiting to hear from them on the cost of the bridge.

The ad for a road crew employee received two applications. Mike Grandinetti put an ad on Indeed.com and received 6 responses to date, interviews will be set up. Mike Grandinetti also contacted Sargents for temporary staffing and it would cost \$20.50 an hour. Bob Goas will be out for 2-3 months.

The Personnel Committee has interviewed 4 candidates for part time Police. Linda added that at the last meeting she had requested to hire two part time Officers and would like to rescind and hire all four.

Linda Sell made a motion to hire 4 part time Officers contingent on their background check coming back OK, Bill Newcomer seconded and unanimously passed. Officers hired are Jason Knipple, Shane Dunn, Alex Conhan and Chris Defazio.

Bill Schrader added that he purchased a time clock for his business and it cost a lot less.

MAYORS REPORT:

President Sernell read Mayor Seitz's letter that Trick or Treat in Geistown will be held on October 31, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm.

President Sernell read Mayor Seitz's letter of resignation effective today.

Linda Sell made a motion to accept Mayor Seitz's letter of resignation, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

MANAGER'S REPORTS:

Karen Giebfried, Secretary/Treasurer, reminded Council of the Cambria County Borough's Association, October 23, 2018 with rsvp due by October 15th.

Mike Grandinetti, Public Works Director/Zoning, submitted his monthly report. There is a problem with the cracking on edges of Mills Street and has a meeting with Keller scheduled. Future planning projects were discussed. Stonycreek Twp. was contacted about splitting the rental of the crack sealer machine and share employees for \$3,400.00 each.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to proceed with crack sealing with Stonycreek Twp., Bill Schrader seconded and unanimously passed.

Mike Grandinetti submitted a listing of the streets and when they were paved last. Repairs are being done on the frontend loader.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Carbonara reported the grievance hearing is put back to February.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Sernell read his letter of resignation effective end of the meeting.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to accept President Sernell's resignation, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cantran 2019 commitment letter requesting \$4,581.72, Bill Newcomer said that will be discussed at the budget meeting.

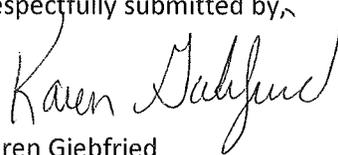
Message on website was received from Peter Malich asking to acquire and process data collection in Geistown using a drone, request given to Alice Hummel and Technology Committee.

Alice Hummel made a motion to adjourn for executive session for Personnel matters at 6:55, Kim Mock seconded and unanimously passed.

Meeting was called to order at 7:21 by President Sernell stating a personnel issue was discussed.

Bill Newcomer made a motion to adjourn, Alice Hummel seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



Karen Giebfried
Borough Secretary